Thursday, *the* *30th July 1942* / *14th Karkadagam 1117*

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at eleven of the clock with the Hon'ble President (A. F. W. DIXON Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S.), in the Chair.

Messrs. L. M. Pylee and H. J. Walmesley were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

WORKING OF THE PANCHAYAT COURTS—IMPROVEMENT OF—COMMITTEE REGARDING

21. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether a Committee was appointed by Government to suggest ways and means to improve the working of the Panchayat Courts in the State;

(*b*) it so, what is the date of appointment of the Committee;

(*c*) has the Committee submitted its report;

(*d*) if so, what are their main recommendations?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 25th September 1941.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The Committee's report has been published in the Gazette, dated 11th July 1942. *A copy of it is placed on the Council table for reference.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: When was the report received in the office?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: On the 14th of March.

POPULATION OF CERTAIN VILLAGES—1941 CENSUS

22. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Will Government be pleased to state (*a*) the population of the following villages according to the 1941 census.—

(*a*) (*i*) Melur village;

(*ii*) Muringur Vadakkummuri village;

(*iii*) Kallur Vadakkummuri village;

(*b*) what is the area of each of the above villages?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) (*i*) Melur village	8,564
(*ii*) Muringur Vadakkummuri village	1,819
(*iii*) Kallur Vadakkummuri village	9,182
(*b*) (*i*) Melur village	5,009 acres
(*ii*) Muringur Vadakkummuri village	689 do.
(*iii*) Kallur Vadakkummuri village	4,358 do.

PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO THE WAR PUBLICITY OFFICER—APPOINTMENT OF

23. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: Will Government kindly state whether they intend creating the post of a personal assistant to the War Publicity Officer?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: No.

STRENGTH OF THE WAR SECTION STAFF OF THE SECRETARIAT AS COMPARED WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS

24. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: Will Government kindly state the strength of the staff of the War section of the Huzur Secretariat, and the comparative figures of the other sections in the same office?

*Appendix I.

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